



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: November 17th 2011

To: Council Member Glidden, Chair Intergovernmental Relations
Sub Committee, Minneapolis City Council

Referral to: Council Member Robert Lilligren, Chair Committee of the Whole,
Minneapolis City Council

Subject: State Asian Carp Action Plan from the Ad Hoc Asian Carp Task
Force

Recommendation: Approve "Statement of Support" and other comments for the
State Asian Carp Action Plan

Prev. Directives: April 1st 2011 Motion "Addressing the Northward Advance of
Asian Carp"

October 6th 2011 Update on the Asian Carp Issue from the State
DNR and National Park Service

Department Information

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Supporting Information:

Earlier this month, the State Ad Hoc Asian Carp Task Force, made up of State and Federal Agency staff, staff from local governments, and representatives from NGOs and other interested organizations concluded its work on the first Asian Carp Action Plan.

The Action plan lays out a whole host of strategies and measures necessary to assess the threat posed by Asian Carp and to minimize their impacts in Minnesota.

The action plan lays out four areas of work that must be pursued including:

- 1) Early Detection and Response**
- 2) Prevention and Deterrence**
- 3) Mitigation and Control**
- 4) Outreach and Communication**

Minneapolis staff from four departments have been monitoring or have been participating in the Ad Hoc Task force since its inception; they have all had a chance to review the Action Plan.

The chairs of the Asian Carp Task Force have asked all participating organizations including the City for a "Statement of Support" for the Action Plan and to add other comments if necessary about the issue.

We recommend:

The City of Minneapolis supports the Asian Carp Action Plan as drafted on November 2nd 2011 and that the City strongly supports all preventive measures downstream that keep Asian Carp out of all Minnesota waterways.

Minneapolis also supports federal legislation granting the authority to the US Army Corps to temporarily close the St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam and/or Lock and Dam #1 if certain Minnesota DNR established, and continually measured, criteria for the detection of Asian Carp are met (consistent with criteria within the federal legislation granting the closure authority).

Minneapolis will only support a permanent closure or a permanent fish barrier at the St. Anthony Falls and/or Lock and Dam #1 after the conclusion of a federally authorized and funded feasibility study of the impacts of such a closure on the City of Minneapolis and the rest of the State of Minnesota (as partially outlined in section 2.1 of the report). This study must include an opportunity for local input and review.

That any permanent closure of the St. Anthony Falls and/or Lock and Dam #1 must only be authorized when state and federal resources have been identified and funded to assist the City with any relocation, redevelopment and restoration costs made necessary by the ending or limiting of navigation above Lock and Dam #1.